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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018 PALM SUNDAY



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HYMN NUMBERS THIS MORNING ARE PRINTED IN THE SERVICE BOOKLET

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (a bell will be rung)

"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel – Mark 11:1-11 *(printed in the 1000 service booklet)*

The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Passion Reading (Mark 15:1-47) *Please reflect on this at home this Holy Week*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Jan Francis, Jill Crossland, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, Rupert Webb, Deirdre West, Beryl, Lily Windham, Brian West, Tim Juniper, Andy Chapman, Lisa, Judith Sweet-Escott, Katy Ross, Glenn Moon, Margaret Connery, Rachel, Gill, Margaret Montagu, Pippa, Tracy, Margaret Yellop, Don, Helen, Margaret, Josephine, Jill Brice, Joy Huntley, Sylvia Davis

The recently departed: Iris Morgan

Anniversaries of death this week:

Sylvia Morgan (25th); Gerald Cooper (29th); William Snudden (29th); Michael Topping (29th); Andre Goujon (30th); Meryl von Habsburg-Toskana (30th)

Post-communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 (*Related readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*)



Current shopping list: Pasta/Rice (250g and 500g packs); tinned meatballs; tinned hot dog sausages; tinned meat pies; tinned chicken curry; tinned chilli con carne; tinned ham; pasta sauce; curry sauce; tinned new potatoes; tinned vegetables; tinned sweetcorn; mayonnaise; tinned tuna; tinned soup; cereal; long life milk; long life juice; tea/coffee

A new Head Teacher for St Margaret's C of E Primary School

The School Governors are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Rachel Kershaw as the new Head Teacher of St Margaret's School. She will take up her post in September. Our prayers are with Mr Simon Hateley, who leaves us this Thursday.

Children's Church dates

22nd April; 13th May; 3rd June; 24th June; 8th July. Newcomers are always welcome. If you would like to help with the running of our Children's Church, please speak with Fr Anthony.

Easter flowers

If you would like to sponsor an Easter bloom at a cost of £4 in memory of a loved one, please 'phone or e-mail the church office by tomorrow, Monday 26th March.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th PALM SUNDAY	0730 Morning Prayer 0915 Choir Practice 1000 Parish Eucharist & Children's Church 1700 Evening Prayer & Lent Course	0800 Holy Communion
Monday 26th	0830 Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 27th	0830 Morning Prayer 1030 'Singing Kettle'	<u>No Eucharist today (Chrism Mass)</u> 1800 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28th	0830 Morning Prayer 1800 Evening Prayer 1930 Knit & Natter	0900 School Easter Service 1830 Service of Reflection
MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th	0830 Morning Prayer 1900 The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday & Watch until midnight	1800 Evening Prayer
GOOD FRIDAY 30th	1400 The Liturgy of Good Friday & Veneration of the Cross 1800 Concert - Pergolesi Stabat Mater	
HOLY SATURDAY 31st	1000 Morning Prayer 2000 THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL followed by a party in church	
EASTER DAY 1st April	0730 Morning Prayer 0915 Choir Practice 1230 Baptism of Ava Rose Freeman	0800 Holy Communion 1000 Family Parish Eucharist <i>No Evening Prayer today</i>

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

Friday 30th March (Good Friday) at 1800

Pergolesi Stabat Mater Domenico Gallo Trio Sonata in G

*Shona Knight (soprano), Rebecca Leggett (alto), Ellie Blackshaw (violin), James Shenton (violin)
Raghad Haddad (viola), Paul Gregory ('cello), Nicholas Houghton (organ)*

Tickets £10 (children under 12 free) from www.ticketsource.co.uk, in church on Sunday mornings or from the church office (Mon 9-12); Weds (9-12); Thurs (9-11)

Saturday 16th June at 1800 - "Songs for Summer" - Vivace Choir

Friday 3rd August at 1900 - The Girls' Choir of Mainz Cathedral, Germany

Tuesday 21st August at 1930 - The Hanover Band - Schubert Octet